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MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAY 5, 1934

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the club room, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, May 5, 1934. Present: Directors Adair, Adams, Badé, Bernays, Clark, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, LeConte, McDuffie, Parsons, Price, Tappaan. Absent: Director Yost. Samuel Merrill, Harry Hartman, and Frank H. Lewis, chairmen of the Southern California, San Francisco Bay, and Loma Prieta chapters, respectively, were also present. Mr. Farquhar called the meeting to order.

The report of the Judges of Election was thereupon read announcing that the following were elected on April 14, 1934, directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Herbert S. Adair, Ansel Adams, William Frederic Badé, Phil S. Bernays, Lewis F. Clark, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Walter L. Huber, Joseph N. LeConte, Duncan McDuffie, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Francis D. Tappaan, Mary Yost.

The further report of the Judges of Election was read announcing that the Proposed Revision of the By-Laws of the Sierra Club was ratified by the members of the Club at the election of April 14th by a vote of 502 favorable to 8 adverse. The Sierra Club was therefore declared to be operating under the by-laws as printed in the February 1934 *Sierra Club Bulletin*.

The following were re-elected officers for the ensuing year: Francis P. Farquhar, president; Ernest Dawson, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; Walter L. Huber, treasurer. Duncan McDuffie was re-elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Joseph N. LeConte was unanimously re-elected honorary president. The following were re-elected honorary vice-presidents: Robert Underwood Johnson, Vernon L. Kellogg, J. Horace McFarland, John C. Merriam, John Barton Payne, Robert G. Sproul, Ray Lyman Wilbur.

Miss Yost, who was absent from the meeting, was excused as her secretary had written that she was in the east. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held December 9, 1933, were approved as published in the December *Sierra Club Bulletin*.

The following standing committees were approved by the Board: Outing Committee—William E. Colby (chairman), Francis D. Tappaan (manager), Ansel Adams. Editorial Board—Francis P. Farquhar (chairman), Ansel Adams, Leland Curtis, Glen Dawson, Walter L. Huber, Richard M. Leonard, François E. Matthes, Marion R. Parsons, Elmo A. Robinson. Lodge Committee—Lewis F. Clark (chairman), Ansel Adams, Joel H. Hildebrand, M. Hall McAllister, Peter J. Van Oosting.

The following were approved as chairmen of special committees: Louis N. Rice, Library; Richard M. Leonard, Mountain Records; Nathan C. Clark, Motion Picture Collection; Bestor Robinson, Winter Sports; Oliver Kehrein, Glacier Study; Irma Weill, Sierra Club Folklore; Virginia Adams, Room.

President Farquhar reported in general on the activities and accomplishments of the Club during the year just past, making particular mention of maintenance of membership, sound condition of finances, the four well-organized chapters functioning for the best interests of the Club and the members, and the adoption of new by-laws providing two important changes, namely, all members of the Club residing in a territory embraced by a chapter being members of the chapter, and members under the age of twenty-one years paying half dues. He mentioned the need for coöperation with the U. S. Forest Service in the matter of forest fire prevention and said that the Sierra Club members

should aid in educating the public to guard against forest fires. He enumerated the articles to appear in the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, regretting the unavoidable delay.

Secretary Colby reported 1996 members on the membership list, approximately the same number as a year before, the greatest loss in membership having been suffered prior to May, 1933. He said that it should be the aim of the Club members to aid in building up the membership in order to get it back to its former number.

Treasurer Huber reported a balanced budget for the calendar year 1933, receipts having exceeded expenditures by \$19, and presented his annual report prepared for publication in the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, which was approved by the Board. He presented also information as to the income and expenditures of the Club during the period January to May, 1934, which were approximately the same as during the first four months of 1933.

Bestor Robinson, chairman of the Winter Sports Committee, appeared before the board and reported on the activities and progress of his committee, particularly in regard to plans for the construction of a lodge at Norden, in the Tahoe National Forest. Under the leadership of his committee a fund is being raised and, with volunteer labor on the part of members of the Club, it is hoped to have the lodge ready for use next winter. Mention was made that, although this project has been undertaken by members of the Club interested in skiing, the site of the lodge is in the midst of a region delightful during the other seasons of the year and the lodge will no doubt be used a great deal in the summer as well as in the winter. Plans for the building have been drawn by Walter H. Ratcliff Jr., architect, who has generously donated his services. Mr. Robinson felt that one of the first and most important decisions to be made was the matter of naming the lodge and stated that a number of members desired it to be named in honor of the late Clair S. Tappaan. After discussion in which Francis Tappaan joined, it was voted that this new Sierra Club lodge be named the Clair Tappaan Lodge. A motion was passed that the Clair Tappaan Lodge, during its construction and until further orders of the Board of Directors, be under the control and management of the Winter Sports Committee; and that the funds for the construction of the Clair Tappaan Lodge be deposited in the treasury of the Sierra Club, to be disbursed by the Treasurer or Secretary in payment of bills approved by the chairman of the Winter Sports Committee, with a revolving fund of \$100 placed in the hands of the chairman for payment of small items. As an expression of the Club's high regard for Judge Tappaan and for the purpose of making the lodge a more adequate memorial, the sum of \$500 from the Permanent Fund was voted as a contribution to the Clair Tappaan Lodge.

Mr. Merrill, Mr. Hartman, and Mr. Lewis reported briefly on the activities of the three chapters which they represented, and a written report from Doris P. Rowlands, chairman of the Riverside Chapter, was read. The question of the territory of the Riverside Chapter was raised in the latter and a motion was passed that the matter be referred to the executive committees of the Southern California and Riverside chapters for discussion and report at the December meeting of the Board.

Mr. Farquhar reported that for a number of years past prior to his fatal accident last August, Walter A. Starr Jr., a life member of the Sierra Club, had worked on the preparation of a guide to the Sierra, a trail guide and a climbers' guide. He was endeavoring to cover all the trails and to climb all the peaks, making notes as he went along. His father, Walter A. Starr, has taken these notes and records and is making a very fine guide to the John Muir Trail, including a map. Mr. Starr wishes this to be published as a memorial to his son. He wishes the Sierra Club to publish it, he assuming all financial responsibility, and to sell it at a price to assure its wide distribution and use. The members of the Board felt that it was a great privilege for the Club to accept this offer, and voted to do so.

Mention was made of a very fine report prepared by George Gibbs, Landscape Architect, regarding the development and protection of the Kings River Canyon by the U. S. Forest Service, in preparation for its future more intensive use by the public.

Dr. Badè told of having been in Yosemite Valley for several days in April on the occasion of a celebration of John Muir's birthday, during which he spoke several times to many interested people. Plans are being made to make this an annual celebration.

Mr. Clinton C. Clarke's proposal to call a projected trail from Canada to Mexico the "John Muir Trail" was referred to the Executive Committee for expressing more definitely the Board's opinion that the name "John Muir Trail" should be confined to the high mountain route in the Sierra now known by that name.

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The Secretary was authorized to reply to a letter requesting assistance in financing a projected trail-trip from Mexico to Canada, advising that the Club has no funds available.

Mr. Farquhar mentioned his plan to have the Mountain Records Committee, in coöperation with the Editorial Board, gather material for a climbers' guide to the Sierra, to be issued by the Sierra Club some time in the future as a companion volume to Starr's Guide to the "John Muir Trail."

A letter from Mr. E. A. Robinson relating to county ordinances prohibiting use of county roads for certain purposes was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer was authorized, in accordance with the by-laws, to pay dues to the chapters as follows: Southern California 25%; San Francisco Bay 17½%; Riverside 25%; Loma Prieta 25%; provided that revision may be made by the Executive Committee later on in the year if the treasury of the Club is found to be unable to bear this allotment.

A motion was passed that the Sierra Club recognize by a vote of commendation the first ascent of the taller of the Cathedral Spires in Yosemite Valley on April 15, 1934, by three of our members, Bestor Robinson, Jules Eichorn, and Richard M. Leonard.

A motion was passed that the Sierra Club give its endorsement to the Yosemite Wildflower Festival to be held in Yosemite Valley May 24th to 27th.

A motion was passed that the Sierra Club endorse a project for the creation and maintenance of the East Bay Regional Park District under the provisions of an act of the Legislature of California, this Park District to negotiate with the East Bay Municipal Utility District for the transfer of lands from the Utility District to the Park District for public recreation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY, Secretary.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1934-35

The following special committees have been appointed:

Mountain Records Committee—Richard M. Leonard (chairman), H. B. Blanks, Dorothy Bradner, Marjory Bridge, David Brower, Lewis F. Clark, Norman Clyde, Leland Curtis, Glen Dawson, Jules Eichorn, Ansel F. Hall, J. S. Hutchinson, Oliver Kehrlein, Helen LeConte, Kenneth May, Walter A. Starr, James Wright.

Glacier Study Committee—Oliver Kehrlein (chairman), Eliot Blackwelder, S. H. Edwards, Ansel F. Hall, C. A. Harwell, Thomas M. Hunt, François E. Matthes.

Motion Picture Collection Committee—Nathan C. Clark (chairman), Donald de Fremery, E. A. Mayers, Charles E. Townsend, F. C. Youngberg.

Winter Sports Committee—Bestor Robinson (chairman), Charles S. Bacon Jr., Franklin J. Banker, Horace H. Breed, Marjory Bridge, D. Ray Brothers, Lewis F. Clark, Nathan C. Clark, Glen Dawson, Donald de Fremery, Joel H. Hildebrand, Oliver Kehrlein, Walter Mosauer, Einar Nilsson, Harold L. Paige, W. D. Patterson, Wendell T. Robie, Tyler R. Van Degrift, Philip von Lubken, Clifford Youngquist.

Library Committee—Louis N. Rice (chairman), Doris Asplund, Ethel Boulware, D. Ray Brothers, May Dornin, Richard G. Johnson, Eliot B. Moses, Miriam S. Rood, Lee L. Stopple, Don M. Woods, Charlotte Weatherill, Milton R. Clark.

Sierra Club Folklore Committee—Irma Weill (chairman), Maren Aune, Virginie de Fremery, May Dornin, Frederick Peake.

Room Committee—Virginia Adams (chairman), Lewis F. Clark, Ruth R. Currier, Marjory Dickieson, E. T. Spencer.

THE PASSING OF RODNEY L. GLISAN, OF PORTLAND, OREGON

What can I say for Rodney Glisan whose sudden passing on May 6th brings back in memory so many wonderful experiences which we have shared? Down Tuolumne Canyon, in the days when its descent presented a real adventure; the ascent of many of our finest western peaks; more leisurely trips in search of photographic subjects; but, best of all, sharing camp sites and enjoying his droll humor and his keen interest in the out-of-doors and in his associates. Surely we of the mountaineering fraternity will miss a delightful companion, a world traveler and, above all, a friend and a splendid gentleman. The Sierra Club was honored by his membership.

WALTER L. HUBER.

PROTECT THE FORESTS FROM FIRE

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

May 5, 1934.

I have been asked to send the Sierra Club a memorandum concerning the prevention of forest fires this summer. I am sure that the Forest Service has no need to appeal to the Sierra Club for care with fire, for we feel that this is a virtue which goes with woodsmanship and mountaineering.

The Forest Service will be grateful, however, if your members will pass the word along to the experienced recreationists that this year promises to be more than usually dangerous because of sub-normal precipitation to date. Compared to last year the protection problem will be more difficult because of the loss by transfer of nearly two-thirds of the C.C.C. fire crews to other parts of the country. All protection agencies in California will, therefore, appreciate coöperation in the protection of our forests, watersheds and playgrounds.

With best wishes for a successful vacation season.

Very sincerely,

S. B. SHOW,
Regional Forester.

SIERRA CLUB FOLKLORE

The Sierra Club Folklore Committee is assiduously gathering the poems, plays, parodies, monologues, in fact, all the Sierracubiana it can cajole from the archives of the members. Response to the announcement in the October 1933 *Sierra Club Bulletin* has been encouraging, but as yet only a beginning has been made. Contributions so far range in time from the '06 to the '33 High Trips, and in content from poems by Harriet Monroe to "I'm Alone Because I'm Sunburned." Nothing is too high-brow or too low-brow, neither is it necessary for the contribution to have been produced at a campfire. Wherever you are, send in whatever you have. As soon as the material is typed it will be placed in the Sierra Club headquarters in the Mills Tower, San Francisco, where it may be seen on request. It has been decided to include small, intimate photographs, illustrating the evolution of hiking costumes and equipment, campfire stunts, or in general, the human side of camp life. Contributions of this sort are urgently requested. The committee is also anxious to include Judge Tappaan's famous camp stories, the natural history stories of the various roctivera, of who some trees twist, etc. So far as is known, these stories have never been put in writing, so we must rely on the memory of those who have heard them. If a number of individuals will send in the tales as they remember them, a compilation can be made, and these famous stories will not be lost.

Cover Design Contest. A special leather cover will be made for the collection, and suggestions for a suitable design are desired. Artists take notice! We want your contributions! Designs will be received at the Club Office until September first. Size of cover, 9½x12. Designs should be simple, suitable for leather work, and characteristic of Sierra Club life. They may be in two colors.

IRMA WEILL, Chairman.

NOTICE! TO CONSTRUCTION SLAVES!

The ski-hut project has taken hold. The idea of a lodge at Norden, near Donner Pass, to be used especially as a ski headquarters but serving as an attractive objective at any time of year, has evoked enthusiastic response; many dollars have been contributed or pledged and more will be welcomed; the fund has been expanded by three motion-picture benefits featuring recent skiing and mountaineering activities of Club members; the Directors have approved the naming of the lodge in memory of the late Judge Clair Tappaan, and have authorized an appropriation from the permanent fund of the Club. A crew from the committee has already built a road through the forest onto the lot, trees have been cleared for the foundations. Many hands will be needed to lighten the construction work—so this is a call for volunteer labor. Advise the Club office, or the undersigned, by postal-card or telephone, when you can go to Norden, get into your jeans behind a shovel, a saw, or a hammer, and have fun helping to build the lodge this summer. Various groups are driving up for week-ends of at least two full days, some for a whole week. The more definite information we have the more effectively we can plan the work schedule. There will be work for the girls, too. Special arrangements for food and transportation.

BESTOR ROBINSON, Chairman Winter Sports Committee.
LEWIS F. CLARK, "Chief Slave Driver."

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